

Write Source Grade 5 Softcover Student Book

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Course / Content Language Arts
Writing

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Content The Write Source program presents writing as a process; teaches the 6-traits of writing; provides students with frequent opportunities to write; fosters students' ability to assess and revise their own writing, builds grammar, punctuation, and usage skills; and develops students' overall literacy skills, including those of struggling learners and non-native English speakers. Because Write Source teaches writing as a process and breaks writing into the five-recursive stages of writing - prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing, students are able to understand and gain control over the complex task of writing.

By including instruction in the six-traits of effective writing, related assessment tools for the teacher, and preparing students to take assessments, the Write Source program strengthens students' writing skills and helps them succeed academically. Write Source grammar instruction and practice is emphasized because gaining control of the mechanics of writing - punctuation, spelling, and correct usage - is clearly important to becoming an effective writer. Write Source helps develop students' listening, speaking, viewing, and test-taking skills for academic success across the curriculum. The program includes graphic organizers to help students become active readers who can respond effectively to their reading assignments, use learning logs, and take effective notes. When students are encouraged to use writing as a thinking tool, teachers can easily monitor what the students are learning and help them learn more.

Write Source reflects the latest research on writing and learning and provides everything students need to become better writers, thinkers, and learners across the curriculum, including:

- ▮ clear coverage of the writing process and integration of the six traits of writing within every unit;
- ▮ detailed coverage of all the key forms of writing - descriptive, narrative, expository, persuasive, response to literature, creative and research writing, complete with student models, and clear writing instruction;
- ▮ detailed information on the six traits of writing;
- ▮ integrated mechanics, usage, and grammar instruction and activities;
- ▮ a wide variety of activities in the student book that support active instruction and immediate application of writing forms and related grammar skills;
- ▮ guidelines for cross-curricular writing forms to build writing skills in other content areas including, social studies, science, and math;
- ▮ lessons, tests, rubrics, and benchmark papers to prepare students for state writing assessments;
- ▮ strategies for other, useful, classroom skills including listening, making oral presentations, note-taking, and taking tests;

⌋ guidelines in the Teacher's Edition for differentiated instruction to help teachers meet the needs of ELL, special needs, and advanced students.

Flexible enough to serve as the foundation for a writing-based language arts program or as a supplement to any literature program, Write Source offers:

⌋ a clear, logical sequence for instruction, beginning with the writing process and six traits and then applying this information to specific genres;

⌋ a grade-specific student book for every grade up to Grade 8;

⌋ a wraparound Teacher's Edition with student book facsimile, step-by-step lesson plans, assessment information, and support for six-trait instruction (for Grades 2-8);

⌋ correlations to other Great Source materials such as the Reader's Handbook, Write Traits Classroom Kits, Daybooks for Critical Reading and Writing, Reading and Writing Sourcebooks, and Inside Writing.

Ideal to prepare students for state assessments, the Write Source program:

⌋ offers writing and mechanics, usage, and grammar pretests, posttests, and quarterly tests modeled after state assessments;

⌋ focuses on the core forms of writing most commonly included on writing assessments;

⌋ includes writing for tests guidelines and prompts in each unit;

⌋ provides genre-specific writing prompts, rubrics, and benchmark papers for every core form of writing

Student Experiences The personal, reassuring voice unique to all the materials along with new features make it accessible to all students. The friendly voice, colorful artwork, and humorous illustrations capture student interest. Student models help students understand what is expected in each lesson while color coding and graphic organizers help students organize and remember key points. Students can also log on to website - www.thewritesource.com - to take additional support for their writing, including writing topics, research links, judging sources, electronic sources, student models, multimedia reports, and web design tips.

Specific information and guidelines for assessing student writing - and for helping students learn to be strong assessors of their own writing - can be found in the Teacher's Resources for each grade level. The Teacher's Resources provides general assessment guidelines for all activities along with reproducible rubrics for assessing the forms of writing presented in the program. Also included are benchmark papers and additional samples that can be used for classroom assessment activities, as well as overhead transparencies.

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Organization The student books maintain the same personal, reassuring voice unique to all the Write Source materials, plus new features that will truly make it students' favorite writing reference.

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⌋ Integrated writing activities and prompts help students apply to their own writing they have learned in the lesson.

- ¶ Six-traits checklists in every unit serve as handy references.

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Resource Materials Teacher's Edition - a wraparound resource with step-by-step lesson plans, activities, and guidelines for differentiating instruction for English language learners, struggling, and advanced students (Grades 2-8).

- ¶ Teacher's Resource Pack (Program Guide i

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions Upon adoption and purchase 20 student textbooks,
Great Source will provide a Teacher's Edition.

Available Ancillary Materials	0669518085 Student Book hardcover	List Price: \$31.93
	Wholesale Price: \$23.95	
	0669518425 Teacher's Resource Pack	List Price: \$200.00
	Wholesale Price: \$150.00	
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Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available YES - provide information below
Please see PDF file "Write Source RB 1204" sent as an email attachment and as a hard copy with bid packet.

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material is focused on mechanics, grammar and usage. It does include some examples of different genres of writing. Reflective writing is missing from this group of materials. There are some language differences between these materials and the language we teach students in KY (example expository as opposed to transactive) They do use a 4 point scale to evaluate writing and that would translate well to our scale. Not enough emphasis on audience and purpose and there needs to be real on demand writing instead of just writing prompts.

Summary Form

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READING CONTENT

WRITING CONTENT

Very little instruction in audience and purpose
Technology included but no oral language

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Not included in this resource pack
Not in this packet

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

Most tasks are workbook based - focus on mechanics and usage

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Proofreading and editing assessments, writing prompts but not on demand writing as we know it in KY. There is a rubric for scoring the different types of writing using a 1-4 scale that we have used to score open response, and portfolio writing.

Some connections with different types of writing.

FEW suggestions for diverse learners.

Organization is clear but context of the mechanics, usage and grammar isn't particularly meaningful.

Materials coordinate but could be easier to use.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Mostly mechanics, usage and grammar activities

Some language is different from what we use in KY

Very few connections to other content area besides writing prompts - skills presented too much in isolation

Mostly workbook, writing prompts

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS